(e) Two Orange grading and waxing units have been established at Jhalawar. One cold storage has been constructed in Kota district at Jhalawar road which is 40 kilometers from Jhalawar. Besides, an Action Plan has been drawn for the over all development of agriculture and allied activities in Jhalawar district during Eleventh Plan period.

(f) The Government of Rajasthan had made provisions for extending financial assistance to the entrepeneurs @50% of the capital cost of project subject to a maximum of Rs. 5.00 lakh per unit for setting up of horticulture produce based processing units.

Livestock insurance project in Kerala

2748. SHRI K.E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a livestock insurance project is implemented in two districts, *viz.*, Alappuzha and Palakkad in Kerala;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government have any plan to extend the project to other districts in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Livestock Insurance Scheme has been implemented in 100 selected districts across the country on pilot basis during the years 2005-06 and 2006-07. Under the scheme, the Central Government provided 50% subsidy on the insurance premium for insuring crossbred and high yielding cattle and buffaloes.

In Alappuzha district, 19.967 crossbred cattle and 30 buffaloes have been insured with an expenditure of Rs. 45.00 lakh on premium subsidy. In Palakkad district, 32,340 crossbred cattle and 6 buffaloes have been insured with an expenditure of Rs. 44.06 lakh on premium susbidy.

(c) The scheme is being proposed to continue in the same form in these two districts during 2007-08 and 2008-09. The extension and expansion of scheme in other districts of Kerala may be considered on critical evaluation of impact of scheme during the pilot period.